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SUBJECT: SIXTH WORLD CONGRESS OF PSYCHIATRY - SOVIET
POLITICAL ABUSE OF PSYCHIATRY

REFS: (A) MOSCOW 12000 AND PREVIOUS (NOTAL)
(B) STATE 196694 (NOTAL); (C) PARIS 24049 (NOTAL)

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AUGUST 29TH AT HONOLULU WITH STRONG SIGNS OF LOOMING CON-
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